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Applicant: Martin R. Roscheisen et al.
Application Title: HIGH THROUGHPUT SURFACE TREATMENT ON COILED
FLEXIBLE SUBSTRATES
Examiner: Harold E. Abramowitz
Art Unit: 1762

COMMUNICATION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fees Due mailed April 5, 2006, kindly consider the following remarks.

REMARKS:

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's amendment accompanied the Notice of Allowance mailed April 5, 2006. The Applicants submit that the changes made by the Examiner's amendment were made to the claims to improve readability. The Applicants submit that these amendments merely make explicit that which was implicit in the claims and specification as originally filed. As such, no new matter has been entered with these amendments. Furthermore, the Applicants submit that these amendments do not narrow the scope of any claim limitation within the meaning of the decision in *Festo*.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The US 2005/0172897 is newly cited by the Examiner. The Applicants object to the Examiner's reasons for allowance, to the extent, if any, that the Examiner's reasons for allowance based on this reference or any of the other cited references may be interpreted as introducing limitations not recited in the claims.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully request that the above comments be entered into the record of the application and that the application be scheduled for publication and issuance in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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